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DIRECTOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY
DIVISION OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
GLOBE BUILDING—FOURTH AT CEDAR
SAINT PAUL

June 1, 1945

Dr. E. J. Engberg
Supt., State School for feebleminded
Faribault
Minnesota

My dear Dr. Engberg:

There have been a few charges on the emergency waiting list since it was sent to you. Roughly, however, it appears there will be 167 boys and 124 girls, making a total of 291 resulting from the assumption that every eleven persons on the waiting list merited one out of each hundred on the emergency list. There is a possibility there may be a few more changes and that a few of these can be put with the school children so that the numbers may be a few less. There are also a few not reached on the list that will have to be placed. This is approximately the number however you will transfer to St. Cloud and Owatonna.

There however is not as great a difference in the boys and girls as I had hoped there would be. We are getting the lists ready to go out before the end of next week and therefore should like to know on Tuesday if possible whether we will have to cancel some of the girls' names and take a greater number of boys. Will you please consider definitely if you can take as many as 291 and also if they can be in the proportion given.

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
Carl. F. Swanson, Director

By 
Head, Bureau for Feebleminded
& Epileptic



A conference with Dr. Gray at the State Office, at his request on another matter, left lists at Miss Thomson office showing all inmates irrespective of physical condition with I.Q.'s over forty, up to 19 years of age, inclusive, which Miss Perkins had prepared.

Miss Thomson was not present but gave the list to Miss Cammack and informed her that we had reviewed Miss Thomson letter in conference on 6-4-45, and had concluded that we would plan on receiving admissions as outlined in Miss Thomson letter of 6-1-45, as it represented the true pressure conditions in the various counties and that we would have to make whatever re-adjustments we found necessary as the new cases would arrive.

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July 10, 1945

Mr. M. R. Vevle
Superintendent
State Public School
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Vevle:

I have your letter stating that you could attend a conference suggested by me on either the 11th, 12th or 13th.

After further consideration and discussion with Dr. Engberg alio, it seems that perhaps there would be nothing to be gained by such conference at this time. There are a few names to be added for trans- f f a r s from the School for the Feebleminded and these will be sent to you not later than tomorrow and perhaps in this same mail.

Will you, in suggesting the order in which you take groups from Faribault, confer with *Dr.* Engberg and the two of you adjust the schedule so that while filling the buildings you have ready first *you* will also remove groups at the earliest possible date which will make possible the beginning of readjustments at the institution so that Dr. Engberg can accept new patients? We are already beginning to feel the pressure, as people are saying that since the Legislature made Owatonna available on June 30th we should begin clearing the waiting list immediately and rapidly. Therefore, if you can accept any groups at all before your employees return from their vacations and before the few children to be transferred to Saint Paul have left, it will certainly be *of* help. If then, as soon as they are transferred, you can accept the others even more rapidly than you had planned to do when we discussed it, it will help the public reaction.

Whether you and Dr. Engberg will need to have a conference to settle definitely the dates and manner of transfer or whether it can be done by letter, is something to be determined by you, but we in this office are anxious to have definite dates as soon as possible in order to be in a position to give as accurate information as possible.

Very truly yours,

Division of Public Institutions
Carl F. Swanson, Director

By _____
cc-Dr. Engberg Mildred Thomson (Miss)
Head, Bureau for Feebleminded
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Dr. E. J. Engberg
Superintendent
School for Feebleminded
Faribault, Minnesota

My dear Dr. Engberg:

The enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Vevle speaks for itself.

Since you feel there is nothing to be accomplished by my coming to the institution so that the three of us could talk the matter over, I will not plan to come.

Is it possible at this time to give any rather definite information as to when you can begin receiving patients and how rapidly? Will there be the necessity for taking in certain types of patients first, or can they come in to some extent on the basis of the degree of emergency. I do feel we must now be able to give people something a little more definite than we have up to date. I should really like within the next two weeks to send a letter to the welfare boards giving them, if not the exact date, at least the week within which the individuals from their counties can be brought, even though this will, I presume, go into if not through the month of September. Do you think this may be at all possible?

Very truly yours,

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Carl H. Swanson, Director

Miss Thomson informed by telephone that superintendent had called Mr. Vevle who will be coming here tomorrow morning to discuss details in regard to transfers. E.J.E.

7-11-45

By *Mildred Thomson*
Mildred Thomson (Miss)
Head, Bureau for Feebleminded &
Epileptic





CARL H. SWANSON

State of Minnesota
Department of Social Security
Division of Public Institutions
Globe Building - 4th and Cedar
St. Paul 1

July 11, 1945

Dr. E. J. Engberg
Superintendent
School for Feeble-minded
Faribault, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Engberg:

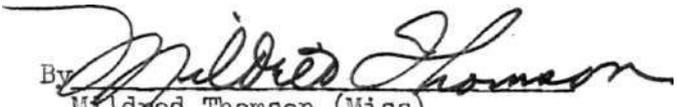
Since talking with you over the telephone, I have seen Mr. Swanson and he is sending you today the authorization for transfer that you wished. It is his feeling that it would be better if I were present at the discussion on transfers tomorrow, since there would then be thorough understanding in this office of just what is to be done.

I am, therefore, coming down on the bus that leaves at 7:40 AM and arrives at 9:30 AM. I hope to take the 12:40 bus back, as I imagine there would be plenty of time to discuss the transfers and still get this bus. This time is all war time so that according to central time, if the institution is going on that, I would arrive quite early. I thought you would get this letter before I arrive and it might be well for you to have it.

Very truly yours,

Division of Public Institutions
Carl H. Swanson, Director

By


Mildred Thomson (Miss)
Head, Bureau for Feeble-minded &
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July 11, 1945

Doctor E. J. Engberg, Superintendent
School for Feeble Minded and Colony for Epileptics
Faribault, Minnesota

Dear Doctor Engberg:

You are hereby directed and authorized to arrange for the transfer of inmate patients at the School for Feeble Minded and Colony for Epileptics who have been selected for transfer to the State Public School, Owatonna, the first transfer to be made on Monday, July 16, 1945, and to proceed as rapidly as equipment and facilities permit.

Arrangements for the transportation are to be made by you and the responsibility of the persons transferred shall be that of the School for Feeble Minded and Colony for Epileptics until they are delivered and receipted for at the State Public School, Owatonna,

If you deem it desirable and necessary, you may arrange for the use of the bus owned by the Braille and Sight Saving School, and if this is not available or adequate, such other transportation facilities which will carry out the transfer in the best possible way,

It is urgent that the transfer be made as soon as possible in order to provide for the placement of cases now awaiting approval or commitment to the School for Feeble Minded and Colony for Epileptics.

Sincerely yours,

Carl H. Swanson
Director

cc - Mr. M. R. Vevle
Miss Mildred Thomson
Mrs. Hazel C. Daniels

